



WASHINGTON LATIN  
PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

# Washington Latin's Upper School

**Upper School Information Night**

**December 12, 2023**

# We Believe...

- **Lean In** - You are the driver of your high school education , and we are here to support you; Don't let high school just "happen" to you
- **Community** - involvement, place, belonging
- **Relationships** with teachers
- **9th Grade Matters** - Get involved! And your academic record is attached to you
- **Student Autonomy and Choice** - different academic avenues based on interest and desire



# Meeting Agenda

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- Welcome!
- Graduation Requirements
- Core Courses
- Elective Courses
- Languages - Latin & World Language Opportunities
- Post-Secondary Support
- Clubs, Athletics, Community Service, Summer Opportunities
- **Our Student Panel!!!**



# Questions?

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There will be an opportunity to to ask questions at the end to our Student Panel.

Please always reach out directly to one of us



# Graduation Requirements

- 4 credits – English
- 4 credits – Math (one year past Algebra II)
- 4 credits – Science
- 4 credits – History (including D.C. History and Government)
- 3 credits – Latin (through Latin III)
- 2 credits – Chinese, French or Arabic (through the second level)
- 3.5 credits – Electives (credits that are above and beyond the minimum and specifically named grad. requirements and are of the student's choosing)
- .5 credit – Art
- .5 credit – Health
- .5 credit – Music
- .25 credit – Financial Literacy
- 1 credit – Athletics (four seasons)
- 100 hours – Community Service

**YOU need at least  
27.25 credits to  
graduate!**





Here is another  
way to look at the  
graduation  
requirements!

- English 9
- English 10
- English 11
- English 12

- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- 4<sup>th</sup> Math

- World History I
- World History II
- US History
- DC History
- Government

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- 4<sup>th</sup> Science

- Latin I
- Latin II
- Latin III

- World Language I
- World Language II

- Art
- Music
- Health
- Financial Literacy

- Athletics

- 3.5 Electives

- Community Service



# Common 9th Grade Courses

**Subjects for all and most common courses**  
**-- take one course in each of these four!**

**English** -- English 9, Honors English 9

**History** -- World History I or Honors World History I

**Science**-- Physics or Honors Physics

**Math** -- Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, or Honors Geometry or Honors Algebra II (based on 8th grade math class)

**Subjects that complete your schedule**  
**--Choose three!!!**

**Modern language** -- based on the class you took, through level I

**Latin** -- must take through Latin III or III/IV, based on your current Latin course

**Required Electives**

**Interest-Based Electives**

**Study Hall**

Check out the [2023-2024 Course Guide](#) to review all available courses, descriptions, and prerequisites!!



# Honors Classes?

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- Each Department (think Math, English, etc.) has criteria for placement/recommendation into Honors classes.
- Think about YOUR interests!
- Talk to your teachers and your advisor!

Work Ethic + Grades + Interest  
Teacher Recommendation!





# World Languages

- **Options:** French, Chinese, Arabic
- **Requirements:** 2 consecutive years  
(For example, Chinese I and Chinese II)
- **Beyond:**
  - All languages have 5 levels
  - French and Chinese have AP
  - French includes an honors track
- **Communicative Method**- we speak the language students are learning
- **Seal of Biliteracy** - any student who can demonstrate Intermediate High proficiency in Reading, Writing, Speaking, and Listening
- **Spring break trips** - students are eligible after 3 years



# Post-Secondary Support

## BEYOND THESE WALLS

Ms. Hope Foster

Our BTW Team works with outside agencies to present the trades, apprenticeships for any students interesting in pursuing these careers either immediately post-graduation of high school or a 2 or 4 year institution.

*Beyond These Walls offers information and opportunities to all students.*

### Informational Opportunities

- Law Enforcement
- Medical Professions
- Culinary Arts
- And many more!

### Work Opportunities

- Metropolitan Police Department - Cadet Program
- Construction Apprenticeships
- Youth Apprenticeships
- IT Apprenticeships
- And many more!



# Post-Secondary Support

## College Counseling Office

Ms. Crys Latham, Ms. Sayaka Smith, Ms. Julia Toews, Ms. Sheyny Barahona, & Mr. Eric Price

### 9th Grade

- Introduction to Post Secondary Team
- Access to MaiaLearning
- College Visits to Latin
- Campus Tours

### 10th Grade

- More Focused Programming
- College Visits to Latin
- Campus Tours

### 11th Grade

- Weekly Emails
- Junior Portfolio - done by student & family
- Matched with College Counselor in Dec/Jan
- Student and Family Meetings
- Junior JumpStart Course

### 12th Grade

- Weekly Emails
- Application Boot Camp (early August)
- Senior Seminar Course
- Quarterly One-on-One Meetings
- Open Office Hours with All-Counselor Access
- Essay Writing Workshops w/ Essay Specialist



# Athletics

## Fall, Winter & Spring!

Competitive & Non-competitive,  
all offered AFTER school

**1 Full Credit = 4 Seasons**

**Participate in any sports outside of Latin?**  
Email Mr. Eleby-El to get credit! There is a  
form you will need to fill out.

**Boys:** Cross Country, Soccer, Basketball, Indoor  
and Outdoor Track & Field

**Girls:** Cross Country, Soccer, Volleyball,  
Basketball, Cheerleading, Softball, Indoor and  
Outdoor Track & Field, Lacrosse

**Co-ed:** Circuit Training, Weight Lifting, Winter  
Conditioning, Wrestling, Ultimate Frisbee,  
Volleyball Skills, Self-Defense, Dance, Yoga,  
Spring Conditioning

\*Athletic offerings may change due to coach and student interest.



# Community Service

## 100 Hours Required by Graduation!

(25 hours per year would be great)

[CS Forms](#) can be found on the website.

All service immediately following 8th grade year counts.

Email pictures/scan of completed form to Ms. Flores for documentation (even if the service is done through/with Latin).



# Clubs

- Clubs in the upper school are **student led** with a faculty advisor, meeting mostly during lunch.
- This year we have almost 50 clubs in the upper school.

Monday Clubs		Tuesday Clubs		Thursday Clubs		Friday Clubs	
Mock Trial Club	014	Conversational Spanish Club	007	Yearbook Club	Theater Room	Knitting Club	211a
Around the World in Dishes	227	Anime Club	220	Strings Club	Music Room	Justice League	217
Homebrew Gaming Club	003	GSA	213	Beautification Club	212	Cheerleading	007
Black Lives Matter	222	Asian American Club	014	Model UN	007	Beauty Club	212
Community Council	217	National Chinese Honor Society	215	Muslim Youth Club	Gym	Literary Magazine	213
Spike Ball	Field	GLOW	117	Quiz Bowl	213	Women in STEM	227
Garden Club	007/112	Listening to Music Club	105	Youth Empowerment Club	005	Film Club	015
Film Editing Club	223	Latinx Club	005	Chess Club	205	Latin Booster Club	005
Ping Pong Club	Gym	Black Student Association	211	Music Playing Club	014	Cosmetology Club	212
		Art Therapy	212	AP Stats Lunch	217	Homebrew Club	003
		Philosophy Club	015	Environmental PLANET (EPC)	222	Frisbee Club	017
		Speculative Fiction Club	017			Red Hearts	117
		AP Calc Lunch	217				
		Arabic Honor Society	205				



# Summer School Opportunities

- Any courses taken after the 8th grade graduation that are not remedial count towards high school credit.
- We often offer the following as 2.5 week electives:
  - Art, Music, Government, and DC History.
- We are participating in the SYEP program and we encourage you to register so you can get paid to take classes this summer.
- Please note that seniority rules here.

## Summer School Dates:

- Session 1: June 24-July 10
- Session 2: July 11-July 26



# If you do request teacher recommendations for another high school...

## We ask:

- Provide 10 days notice
- If on paper - provide a self-addressed, self-stamped envelope
- If online - sent via email from the school
- All necessary components filled in by student/family prior to request

\*All recommendations will be mailed DIRECTLY to the school; for confidentiality purposes, forms cannot be returned to students.\*





# Want to Chat? Family Meetings



# Student Panel



Questions?

